



**Date:** September 12, 2003  
**To:** Members of the Marine Advisory Commission  
**From:** Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches  
**Subject:** MEETING MINUTES OF September 11, 2003  
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

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Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman  
Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair  
Mike Reed  
Holly Carpenter  
Mike Malbon  
Bradley Whyte  
Harry Hutton  
Robert Weeks

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau  
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Ramon Arevalo, Supt., Marine Maint.  
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD  
Tim O'Donnell, LBPd Sgt., Marine Patrol

Commissioners Absent

Mike Vescovi

Guests

Bud Johnson, former MAC commissioner  
Will Hayes, LBSM boatowner  
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA  
Mike Lesner, Boat owner, ABM  
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette  
Bill Vernon, ABM tenant

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

**ROLL CALL**

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The minutes of the July 10, and the August 14, 2003, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

## **BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT**

### Marina Operations Report

Mark Sandoval gave the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of August.

### Maintenance Operations Report

Ramon Arevalo gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of August.

- Planters in the Belmont Pier area are being removed and replaced with palms.
- Rest room A23 (ABM) is scheduled for remodeling.
- Commissioner Carpenter remarked that Mother's Beach (Marine Park) looks great.

### Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of August.

- Rescue boats are being assessed for needs.
- Marine Safety staffed 24 special events this summer season.
- A meeting regarding kite sailing will be held on September 18.
- Shorefest plans are creating a lot of work. The City is working hard to make this event happen.

### Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Tim O'Donnell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of August.

- The "X" Games went well. There was a huge turnout for the games.
- Marine Patrol will begin training on Monday, September 15, to transport prisoners.
- Planters at the Belmont Pier parking lot are being removed. Problems with skateboarding in this area should be resolved.
- Officer initiated contacts have increased.
- Marine Patrol officers will monitor the entrance to the LBSM beginning at 6 a.m. to ensure boat owner parking during Shorefest. General public access will not be allowed.
- Sergeant O'Donnell has met with all supervisors to cover scenarios in the event of an emergency, educating Marine Patrol officers on what they can and cannot handle.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Marine Bureau fee changes for 2004 were brought forward at last month's meeting, however there was no quorum and hence, no vote. Mark Sandoval asked for support of the fee changes as they relate to the marinas. Mark Sandoval gave an overview of the fee increases: Liveaboard Fee increase for permits issued after October 1, 2003; Facility Rent Fee increase (Little Ships, Mossy Kent Park); Special Event Guest Fee increase; and, Sand Stake Fee increase (\$210 for eleven months).

Mike Lesner remarked that Little Ships Dock has always been a free and open access dock, and that setting a fee pulls away a resource for the public. Also, it is an isolation dock.

Mark Sandoval responded that this dock is not a "touch and go" dock, nor is it a designated isolation dock, and that the Marine Bureau has in the past berthed vessels at this dock. Making it a permit only area gives the Marine Bureau more control.

Commissioner Hutton summarized his letter to the MAC regarding the Liveaboard Fee Proposal. He commented that increasing the fees is not the way to get rid of certain types of boaters, and that grandfathering-in current liveaboards gives no financial benefit. He believes this will increase motivation to sneak aboard and cause discriminatory pricing.

**It was moved by Vice Chairman Miller and seconded by Commissioner Malbon to approve the fee changes as proposed. The motion passed with Commissioner Hutton opposing.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **Executive MAC**

- Chairwoman Spence took drawings for an alternative site for the dry boat storage to Ex MAC. Public Works Engineering will review the drawings and report back at a future date.

Mark Sandoval stated that the City does not own the property for the alternative site as yet, however it will happen. He said the Marine Bureau would go ahead and open up the 125 dry storage spaces to the waiting list.

### **Operations Committee**

The committee discussed the Municipal Code wording dealing with barbeques. The committee (Beaches) will meet with Parks Rec. and Marine staff and Lifeguards to review this item.

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### Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- There has been no change with the DTM Landscaping project. The project is out of money this fiscal year.
- Public Works no longer has funds for the Launch Ramp project and will not do the work until they get more money.
- There is no money available for beach refurbishment.
- Construction on the Sand Bag Groin project is to start within the next two months.
- There has been no progress with the Dunster Park project.
- The contractor from the Belmont Pier project dumped sand onto Jack Nichol Park. The problem is being reviewed.
- A question was asked about dinghy storage availability after the marina rebuild. Mark Sandoval said that a working committee would discuss in-the-water dinghy storage, and that there would be consistency in both marinas. Chairwoman Spence stated that the MAC would also review this issue.
- There is a possibility that the can buoy project off the oceanfront would be operated by a restaurant owner. Half of the area between Island White and the east side of the Belmont Pier will remain open for free anchorage. There was a concern voiced regarding the speed of vessels through this area, and mention of the oil crew transport vessel wakes causing damage to vessels anchored there.

### Finance and Information Committee

- Mark Sandoval reviewed the report.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Malbon stated that the City will use the design that was developed by Concept Marine Associates for the LBSM rebuild.
- Commissioner Reed reported that the MAC web page is still down.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Mike Lesner voiced his concerns regarding the use of Little Ships Dock (i.e., insurance restrictions, children in the area, Coastal Commission and Fire Department regulations).

Mark Sandoval responded that these concerns are already covered similar to Marine Stadium use permits.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for October 9, 2003, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
City Clerk